

THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. JONES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

GARY MOORE,

Plaintiff,

v.

F/V PACIFIC MARIT, INC., and/or
BRENDAN BATES,

Defendants.

No. 2:16-cv-01876-RAJ

**PROPOSED STIPULATED MOTION AND
ORDER OF TRANSFER TO THE U.S.
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT
OF OREGON, EUGENE DIVISION**

COME NOW the parties above named, through their respective counsel of record, and stipulate to the entry of an Order of Transfer to the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, Eugene Division, for the reason that the Western District of Washington lacks personal jurisdiction and the proper venue is in the Eugene Division of the District of Oregon.

I. MOTION AND STIPULATION

A transfer is mandated by 28 U.S.C. §1631, because there is a want of jurisdiction in the Western District of Washington, the proper venue is the Eugene Division in the District of Oregon, and a transfer is in the interest of justice.

1 None of the parties reside in Washington State. They are all domiciled in Oregon,
 2 specifically in Douglas County. Defendants lack the requisite contacts with Washington
 3 State for an exercise of jurisdiction. Moreover, the alleged and disputed injury allegedly
 4 occurred while fishing off the coast of Coos Bay, Oregon.

5 This action should have been filed in the United States District Court for the District
 6 of Oregon, Eugene Division. Under Local Rule 3-2, the Eugene Division encompasses both
 7 Coos and Douglas Counties. Furthermore, the proper venue for Plaintiff's Jones Act claim is
 8 where the defendant either resides, transacted substantial business, or where the action arose.
 9 *E.g. Pure Oil Co. v. Suarez*, 384 U.S. 202, 204, 86 S. Ct. 1394, 1395, 16 L. Ed. 2d 474
 10 (1966) (venue proper where corporate defendant "transacted a substantial amount of
 11 business"). Oregon is the paradigm forum. For a corporation, "[t]he paradigmatic locations
 12 where general jurisdiction is appropriate ... are its place of incorporation and its principal
 13 place of business." *Ranza v. Nike, Inc.*, 793 F.3d 1059, 1069 (9th Cir. 2015). "For an
 14 individual, the paradigm forum for the exercise of general jurisdiction is the individual's
 15 domicile" *Goodyear Dunlop Tires Operations, S.A. v. Brown*, 564 U.S. 915, 924, 131
 16 S.Ct. 2846, 180 L.Ed.2d 796 (2011).

17 A transfer is in the interest of justice, because a dismissal for lack of jurisdiction
 18 would time-bar Plaintiff's action. *See Complaint* (Dkt #1) (alleging injury in or about
 19 December/January 2013/2014).

20 For these reasons, the parties hereby stipulate to a transfer to the United States
 21 District Court for the District of Oregon, Eugene Division.

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DATED this 19th day of January, 2017.

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II. ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the above-captioned lawsuit be and hereby is TRANSFERRED to United States District Court for the District of Oregon, Eugene Division.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2017.



The Honorable Richard A. Jones
United States District Judge